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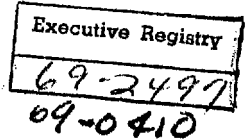
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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 211, 90TH CONGRESS)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510



May 12, 1969

Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

In response to your request, I wrote you on March 4 and 5, 1969, that the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee would be happy to arrange a public hearing to consider any problems your agency believes it would have under S. 782. I also invited you to draft amendments to the bill to deal with the problems of your own agency. To date the Subcommittee has not received these amendments and consequently action on the bill has been delayed.

I should appreciate your early attention to this matter.

With all kind wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
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Chairman

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Dealings with Senator Ervin leading to executive session on S. 782

1. 28 February 1969 letter to Senator Ervin requesting an opportunity to present our views to the Subcommittee "In order to discuss our problem fully and candidly, I would hope you could see your way clear for me to give my testimony in executive session."
2. 4 March 1969 letter to Mr. Helms "The Subcommittee will be happy to arrange an open hearing . . ."
3. 20 March 1969 letter to Senator Ervin renewing request for an executive session because " . . . I do not feel that I can discuss fully and candidly the ramifications which the bill would have on the Central Intelligence Agency in an open session."
4. 12 May 1969 letter to Mr. Helms " . . . would be happy to arrange a public hearing to consider any problem your Agency believes it would have under S. 782."
5. 14 May 1969 letter to Senator Ervin " . . . we had, as you know,, hoped to propose and justify our amendment in executive session before your Subcommittee."
6. 8 July 1969 Subcommittee staff member Marcia McNaughton called advising that Senator Ervin has agreed to hear the Agency in executive session.

28 February 1969

The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Chairman
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I very much appreciate the time you took last Monday to discuss S. 782 with the General Counsel and Legislative Counsel of this Agency.

As you know, we still believe there are serious problems connected with certain provisions of this bill. I would, therefore, like an opportunity to present our views to the Subcommittee.

In order to discuss our problem fully and candidly, I would hope you could see your way clear for me to give my testimony in executive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Director